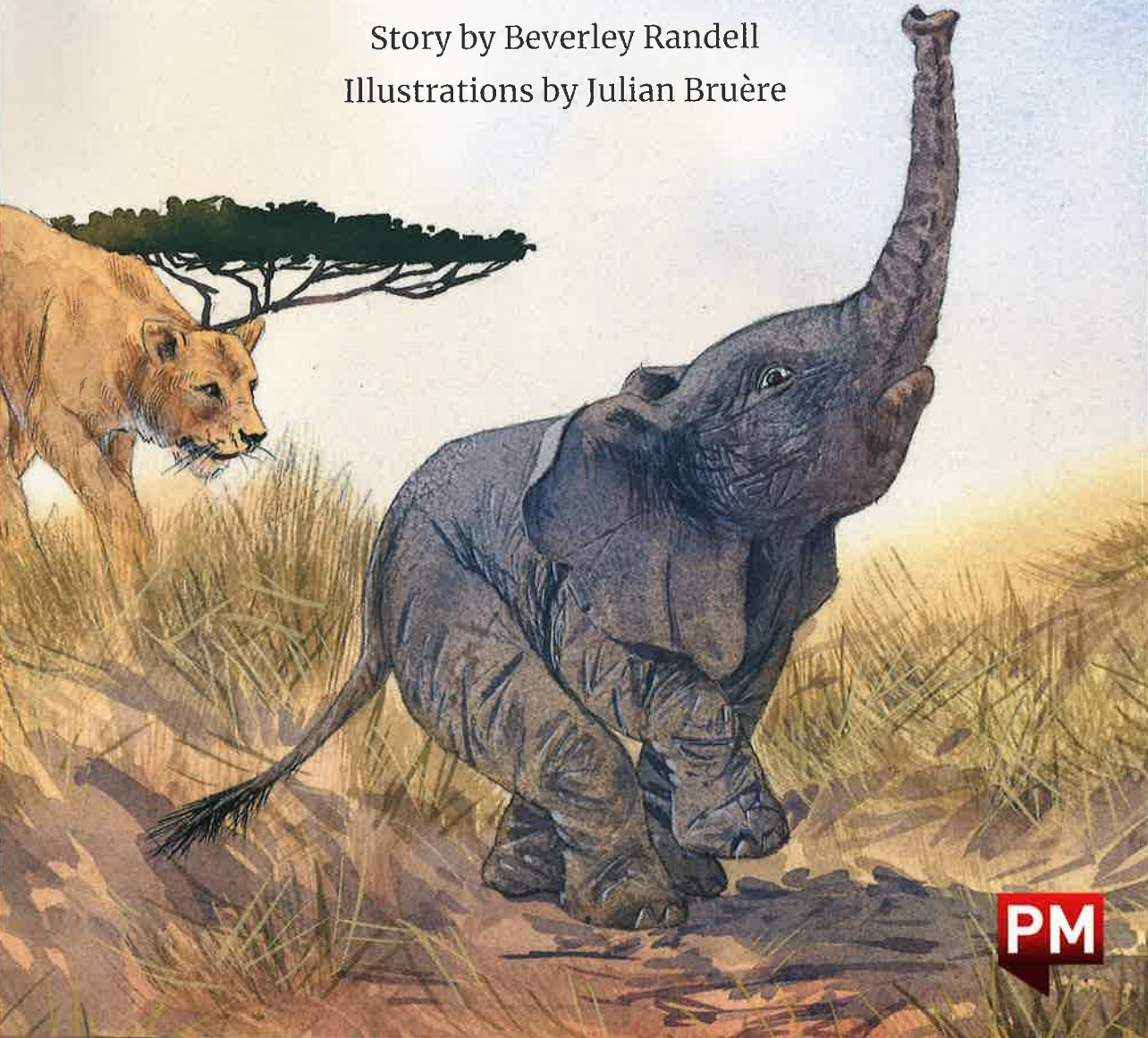


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**Level** 19

**Running Words** 387 **Text Type** Narrative

**Curriculum Areas** English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Science (Biological Sciences)

### Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

### Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

#### Literal

- 1 Who were the other elephants in Nelson's herd?
- 2 Why did Nelson try to bite the grass, instead of pulling it out with his trunk?
- 3 How did Nelson chase the wildebeest away?

#### Inferential

- 4 Why did Nelson drink lots of milk from his mother?
- 5 Why was it a big mistake for Nelson to go over to the lioness in the grass?
- 6 Why did Nina cry out when she heard Nelson bellow?
- 7 Why did all the other elephants trumpet when they ran towards Nelson?
- 8 At the end of the story, what do Nelson and Nina do that shows they were really frightened by the lionesses?

#### Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why were there so many lionesses trying to catch just one elephant?
- 10 What other animals could the lionesses try to catch so they have food to eat?

### Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

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| Level 19 | Narrative | <i>A Dog Called Bear</i>           |
| Level 19 | Narrative | <i>A Troop of Little Dinosaurs</i> |
| Level 20 | Narrative | <i>Penny and the Falcons</i>       |



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Nelson, the baby elephant,  
lived in Africa with his mother  
and his grandmother  
and his aunts and his cousins  
and his big sister, Nina.  
Nelson was six months old.  
Every day, he drank lots of milk  
from his mother.



He was learning to eat grass  
and leaves, too,  
and he used his soft little trunk  
to smell everything.



Nelson watched his mother  
as she pulled up grass with her trunk  
and put it into her mouth.  
Nelson tried and tried,  
but he couldn't tear the grass.  
His trunk was not big enough  
or strong enough.



In the end, he got down on his knees  
and put his mouth around the grass  
and tried to *bite* it off.  
He was only a baby elephant!



Nelson liked playing games  
with his cousins and his big sister, Nina.  
Sometimes they pushed each other.  
Sometimes they chased each other  
through the grass.



Nelson liked chasing wildebeest, too.  
He would run up to them  
and flap his big ears,  
and the wildebeest would run away.  
This made Nelson feel very big and strong.  
Nothing frightened *him*!

